



Certification/Endorsement Support Documents for Educators

Requirements for the Speech and Hearing Clinician Certificate (293)

Please see below for the requirements to qualify for both a conditional and/or professional certificate. Please note that the endorsement code is 293, which will be used throughout the application process. If you believe you qualify for either a conditional or professional certificate, please submit an initial application through our online MEIS system.

NOTE: If you are employed as a Speech Pathologist, Maine educational certification is not required, but you need to hold valid fingerprinting approval through Maine DOE. Please check with the Maine Licensing Bureau for their requirements to work as a Speech Pathologist.

Three-year conditional certificate requirements include:

- (1) Bachelor's degree
- (2) Graduate semester hours in Speech and Hearing (12); and
- (3) Background check approval (CHRC) – based on fingerprints

Five-year professional certificate requirements include completion of sections below:

NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of graduate semester hours required
Section A:
1. Bachelor's degree
2. Master's degree in speech disorders
OR
Section B:
1. Master's degree equivalent in speech disorders/speech communications:
2. Speech coursework (diagnosis of speech disorders; aural rehabilitation; voice disorders; articulation; fluency disorders; speech science; stuttering; language disorders) (21)
3. Clinical practicum in speech disorders (3)
4. Additional Graduate courses (6) - may be additional speech courses
Section C:
Background check approval (CHRC) – based on fingerprints
Section D:
Teaching Exceptional Students in the Regular Classroom (3)
Section E: PRAXIS II
Teaching Speech to Students w/Language Impairments Test Code 5881 Score 152
Section F: Principles of Learning and Teaching

K-6 Test Code 5622 Score 160 **OR** 7-12 Test Code 5624 Score 157
OR Successful completion of a state-approved teacher education program

Helpful Tips:

- For fingerprint information please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/fingerprinting>
- To register for a PRAXIS exam please visit www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements.
- To get pre-approval for a course to fulfill a requirement, please email title of course and course description to cert.doe@maine.gov